

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IX

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The U.S. EPA is issuing a notice of proposed action under the Clean Water Act to issue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit CA 0004009 to:

The Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino Waste Water Treatment Plant
711 Lucky Lane
Coarsegold, California 93614

The Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino wastewater treatment plant (hereinafter "Chukchansi WWTP") is a tribally-owned wastewater treatment plant located in Madera County, California. The current Chukchansi WWTP serves a total population of approximately 15,000 residents and visitors and treats wastewater from the various facilities in the Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino complex. Currently the plant is designed to treat 170,000 gallons per day (GPD) of wastewater. Treatment is via activated sludge process known as a sequencing batch reactor (SBR) which treats to a secondary level and is followed by a tertiary process capable of producing recycled water that meets the quality requirements promulgated in the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 22. Currently all treated wastewater is re-used, recycled or disposed of via permitted subsurface leachfields or sprayfield irrigation.

The owner proposes to convert the existing SBR treatment process to an Immersed Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) treatment plant. The MBR will produce a higher quality effluent on a consistent basis compared to the SBR. The design capacity of the MBR facility will be 350,000 GPD. Some of the flow will continue to be re-used, recycled or disposed of via permitted subsurface leachfields or sprayfield irrigation. Additional flow will be discharged to surface water via a discharge point located at Latitude: 37° 12' 49" N and Longitude: 119° 41' 42" W into a creek on Tribal land, which passes to the south of the Chukchansi WWTP, feeding into Coarse Gold creek. Coarse Gold creek is a tributary to the Fresno River and the San Joaquin River. The applicable water quality standards are specified in the permit and fact sheet and in the Water Quality Control Plan for the State of California, Central Valley Region, Water Quality Control Board.

For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the proposed permit and administrative record, please visit our website or contact:

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